

*batrin*, length  $\frac{3}{4}$  yard, thickness 3 inches." 42845. "Soft, juicy summer melon called *Daniar*. 42846. "Mixed summer melons of all kinds." 42847. "Summer melon called *Akurtsi*." 42848. "Sweet, juicy winter melon." 42849. "The Amir melon called *Maiskaja*."

*Cucurbita ficifolia* Bouche. (Cucurbitaceae.) 42970. Seeds from Santa Ines, Chile. Presented by Mr. Walter Fischer, Bureau of Commerce, who secured them from Sr. Salvador Izquierdo, Santiago, Chile. "The *alcallota* is a pumpkin-like vegetable, from the pulp of which is made a sweet paste, comparable perhaps to "pumpkin butter," sold in cans under the names of *Dulce de alcallota* and *Crema de alcallota*."

*Fraxinus oxycarpa* Willd. (Oleaceae.) 42838. Seeds of ash from Kieff, Russia. Presented by Messrs. St. Przedpelski & T. Antoniewicz. Similar in its leaves in shape, size and leaflets to *F. angustifolia* Vahl, but the leaves are always downy about the midrib. Fruits more tapered at the base. The species has a more eastern natural habitat, reaching to Persia, the Caucasus, and Asia Minor.

*Hibiscadelphus giffardianus* Rock. (Malvaceae.) 42879. Seeds of *Hau Kuahiwi* from Honolulu, Hawaii. Presented by Mr. J. F. Rock, Botanist, College of Hawaii. "You may know that of this species there is only one single tree in existence and consequently seed is very scarce. I have a number of young trees growing in Honolulu and thus hope to perpetuate the species." (Rock.) "The *Hau Kuahiwi* is a remarkable tree. At first appearance one would think it to be the common *Hau* (*Hibiscus tiliaceus*), but at closer inspection one cannot but wonder at the most peculiar shape of the flowers, which are of a deep magenta, and the large yellowish tuberculate capsules. It is a rather low tree with not erect but rather inclining trunk of a foot in diameter, with a many-branching round crown. The genus *Hibiscadelphus*, meaning brother of *Hibiscus*, was described by the author and the species named in honor of Mr. W. M. Giffard of Honolulu, in whose company the writer collected his first specimens. It differs from the genus *Hibiscus* in its very peculiar flowers and mainly in the calyx, which is not persistent with the capsules, but drops together with the bracts as soon as the capsules are formed. Unfortunately the tree, of which a specimen is figured